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In the application of:

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For: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR THE
REMOVAL OF PSORLANES FROM
BLOOD PRODUCTS

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1352

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 5, 2002 for which a response was due on May 5, 2002.

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at the end of the specification and claims as the abstract.

--ABSTRACT

Method of treating a blood product which contains a nucleic acid-containing pathogen to be inactivated. One such method involves forming a mixture comprising a blood product, free psoralen, and low molecular weight psoralen photoproducts, and contacting the mixture with a hypercrosslinked resin to remove at least substantially all of the free psoralen and the low molecular weight psoralen photoproducts. A hypercrosslinked resin in this method preferably eliminates a wetting step that a number of other types of resins require before being used to adsorb the pathogen inactivating compound.--

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